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Interbody Fusion Device and  
Method for Restoration of  
Normal Spinal Anatomy

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AMENDMENT AFTER FIRST ACTIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 1996, please consider the following.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3, 10, 12 and 17 as follows:

1. (amended) A fusion device for facilitating arthrodesis in the disc space between adjacent vertebrae, comprising:

an elongated body having a length between a first end and a second end thereof, and a first diameter at [a] said first end sized to be greater than the space between the adjacent vertebrae;

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